

RESOLUTION

THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

RELATIVE TO

*A marsh and wet tract of land in Jay and Adams counties.*

MARCH 31, 1848.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relative to a marsh and wet tract of land in the counties of Jay and Adams.

Whereas there is a district of country situate in townships twenty-four and twenty-five north, of range thirteen and fourteen east, in the counties of Adams and Jay, and district of Fort Wayne, about seven miles in length and one mile in width, which has been for many years in market and unsold, and in its present condition is almost worthless, being an impassable swamp or marsh, and on the account thereof occasioning much ill-health and disease to those who reside anywhere contiguous thereto:

And whereas the same might be sold at a reduced price, with a condition that the same should be ditched and channels opened, whereby the water might be freely flowed from said lands, and thereby the health of the neighborhood greatly improved, and the government realize something from the sales, and the State and county derive some revenue therefrom, whilst otherwise it must forever remain unsold and uncultivated, and a mere nuisance to the public:

And whereas it is the true policy of our government to bring into cultivation all lands as soon as possible, if they can be rendered suitable for the same: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,* That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use all just and honorable means to obtain the passage of a law authorizing the sale of the lands above mentioned to the highest bidder, at such price as they will bring, binding the purchasers, with a condition of forfeiture of the land, to ditch and drain the same within such reasonable time from the purchase as may be just and proper, and that a certificate of record from some of the county authorities shall be obtained, where the land is situate, that such condition has been complied with, in order to complete the title in the purchaser.

*Be it further resolved*, That the governor of this State be requested to transmit a copy of this preamble and resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress as soon as practicable.

WILLIAM A. PORTER,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

PARIS C. DUNNING,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved February 15, 1848.

JAMES WHITCOMB.